GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Air Accidents involving IA, AI and other private Airlines since June 1, 2002 till date both in India and abroad;

(b) the extent of loss of life and property suffered in these accidents;

(c) the compensation paid/or likely to be paid to the cictims;

(d) whether any responsibilities have been fixed;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the measures adopted to prevent such accidents in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a) and (b):- Since 01.06.2002 till date, there has been one accident to M/s. Million Air Ecquriel helicopter VT-RLA on22.9.2002 near Lonavala (Pune) resulting in fatal injuries to all the five occupants on board. The helicopter was destroyed in the crash. No accident has occurred of Indian registered Aircraft outside India in the above period.

(c):- The compensation to the dependents of the deceased is paid by the concerned operator through its insurance Company.

(d) and (e):- The Inspector of Accidents, appointed by the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA),is investigating this accident. Once the report is received, the cause of the accident would be known and action taken accordingly.

(f):- The DGCA ensures, on a continuous basis, strict compliance of safety norms by operators, including helicopter operators by way of safety audits. The safety audit covers all essential areas including engineering, operations, quality control department etc. In addition, spot checks on maintenance activities are also carried out by the DGCA.